



City of Covington Police Services Report

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Adult Arrests

An arrest is counted every time an adult is cited for a criminal offense or booked. More specifically:

1. It includes all adult bookings, plus
2. All adult citations which are classified as criminal non-traffic.
3. When an adult is both cited and booked, it is only counted once.

Cases Cleared /Clearance

The solving of an offense by arrest, or in some circumstances, by exceptional means (the suspect died, is imprisoned on another charge, victim refuses to testify, etc.).

CASE CLOSURE DEFINITIONS

Cleared by Arrest:

A case can be closed by arrest when at least one suspect is positively identified and charges are recommended to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. This closure does not require physical booking into a jail or juvenile detention facility. It also does not require the charging of all suspects, if there are multiple suspects in the crime. This category includes criminal citations into district and municipal courts for misdemeanors and felony filings into Superior Court, as well as all filings into Juvenile Court.

Exceptional Clearance:

A case can be closed "exceptional" if it can be established that a crime has been committed and the identity of a suspect is positively confirmed, but due to circumstances beyond our control, no charges are filed. An example of this type of closure is a case in which the victim declines to assist in prosecution. Another example is when another police agency files charges on a related crime stemming from the same incident. (Car stolen in King County, but suspect arrested out of the stolen car in Bellevue. Bellevue P.D. charges the suspect with possession of the stolen car. We close the stolen car case "exceptional.")

Unfounded:

Cases are closed as "unfounded" when the investigation reveals that no crime has been committed. An example would be the report of a theft by one party that is determined to be a false report by interviewing other independent witnesses

Administrative Clearance:

This clearance is used primarily to close non-criminal police investigations like found property. For instance, if a citizen finds and turns over to police a wallet. Investigation reveals who the owner of the wallet is and the item is returned to that person.

Inactive:

This category is used when all investigative leads are exhausted and the case can not be closed by any of the above classifications.

Dispatched Calls for Service

This includes calls received in the Communications Center which result in one or more patrol cars being dispatched.

Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence is a subcategory to other crimes. Virtually any crime can be classified as domestic violence. In the State of Washington, Domestic Violence is defined as a crime of violence against the person or property of a spouse, former spouse, persons related by blood or marriage, persons who have a child in common, former/current roommates, persons who have or had a dating relationship, and persons related to the suspect by the parent-child (biological or legal) relationship. In some cases, the age of the victim or suspect may determine whether or not the legal definition above is met.

Part I Offenses

This category is commonly known as the "Crime Index." Crimes include criminal homicide (which includes murder and non-negligent manslaughter; but excludes deaths by negligence, attempts to kill, suicides, accidental deaths, justifiable homicide and traffic fatalities), forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault (which excludes simple assaults), burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft and arson.

Violent Crimes (Part 1)

These are a subclassification of Part I Offenses which encompass murder and non-negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery and aggravated assault.

Part II Offenses

This category includes all other crime classifications outside those defined as Part I. Crimes include other assaults (simple), forgery and counterfeiting, fraud, embezzlement, stolen property (buying, receiving and/or possessing), vandalism, weapons (carrying, possessing, etc.), prostitution and commercialized vice, sex offenses (except forcible rape, prostitution or commercial vice...i.e. statutory rape, indecent exposure, etc.), drug violations, gambling, offenses against the family and children, driving under the influence, liquor violations, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, etc.

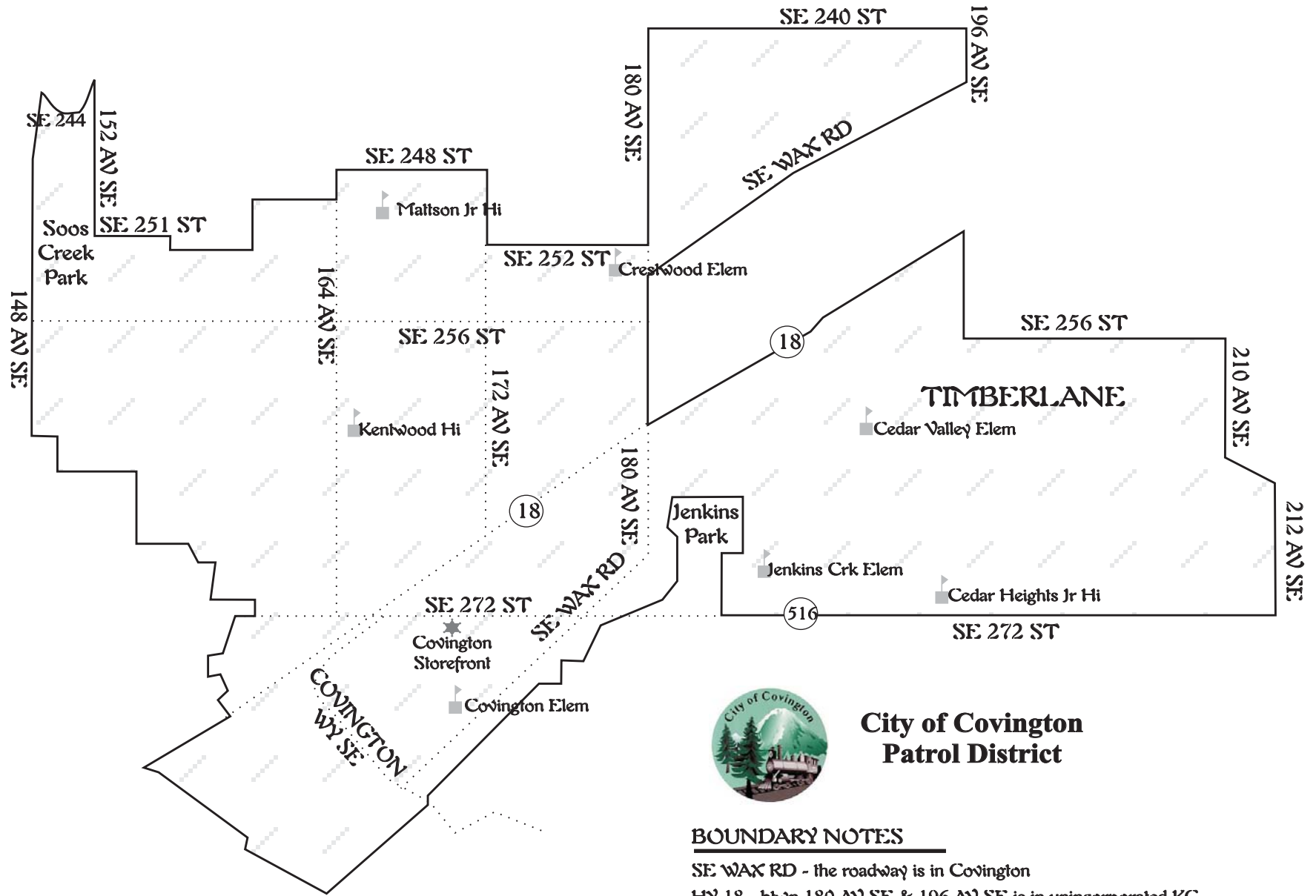
Response Times/Priorities

Priority X - Critical Dispatch. This category is used for those calls that pose an obvious threat to the safety of persons. Examples include shootings, stabbings and in-progress crimes such as robberies or burglaries where the possibility of a confrontation between a victim and suspect exists.

Priority 1 - Immediate Dispatch. This category is used for those calls that require immediate police action. Examples include silent alarms, injury traffic accidents, in-progress crimes or crimes that have just occurred where a suspect may still be in the immediate area.

Priority 2 - Prompt Dispatch. This category is used for those calls that could escalate to a more serious degree if not policed quickly. Examples include verbal disturbances and blocking traffic accidents.

Priority 3 - Routine Dispatch. This category is used for those calls where response time is not a critical factor. Examples include burglaries and larcenies that are not in progress, audible alarms, or other routine reports.



City of Covington Patrol District

BOUNDARY NOTES

SE WAX RD - the roadway is in Covington

HY 18 - btwn 180 AV SE & 196 AV SE is in unincorporated KC

SE 240 ST - the roadway btwn 180 AV SE & 196 AV SE is in unincorporated KC

SE 272 ST - the roadway btwn 184 AV SE & 212 AV SE is in unincorporated KC

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CRIME SUMMARY

	4th Quarter 2007	4th Quarter 2008	Percent Change	Crime Rate	1/1/08 - 12/31/08	4th Quarter Cases Closed
Part I Offenses						
Criminal Homicide	0	0	N/A	0.00	0	0
Forcible Rape (incl. Attempts)	1	0	-100.0%	0.00	6	0
Robbery	2	12	500.0%	0.69	23	2
Aggravated Assault	1	3	200.0%	0.17	10	1
Burglary, Commercial	6	9	50.0%	0.52	42	0
Burglary, Residential	16	21	31.3%	1.21	86	0
Larceny, over \$250	51	46	-9.8%	2.65	190	0
Larceny, under \$250	51	43	-15.7%	2.48	166	2
Vehicle Theft	11	20	81.8%	1.15	70	2
Arson	1	1	0.0%	0.06	12	1
Total Part I Offenses	140	155	10.7%	8.93	605	8
Total Part II Offenses	166	251	51.2%	14.46	872	19

NOTE:

The crime rate is calculated on the basis of 1,000 people (i.e., number of crimes per 1,000 people). The population is 17,360.

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

	4th Quarter 2007	4th Quarter 2008	Percent Change	1/1/08 - 12/31/08
Dispatched calls for service	843	964	14.4%	4,026
Adult charges/arrests	82	123	50.0%	403
Juvenile charges/arrests	27	28	3.7%	117
Officers assaulted	0	0	N/A	2
Total gang-related incidents	2	27	1250.0%	69
Total domestic violence related incidents	18	29	61.1%	122
Hate crimes/malicious harassment reports	1	0	-100.0%	2

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Part One Offenses	
Criminal Homicide	0
Rape	0
Child Rape	0
Attempted Rape	0
Robbery, Highway	4
Robbery, Commercial	0
Robbery, Gas Station	0
Robbery, Chain Store	6
Robbery, Residence	0
Robbery, Bank	0
Robbery, Misc.	2
Robbery, Carjack	0
Assault, Firearm	2
Assault, Knife	1
Assault, ODW	0
Assault, Hands	0
Commercial Burglary, FE	6
Commercial Burglary, NF	0
Commercial Burglary, ATT	3
Residential Burglary, FE	7
Residential Burglary, NF	11
Residential Burglary, ATT	3
Larceny, +\$250	46
Larceny, -\$250	43
Auto Theft	20
Truck-Bus Theft	0
Other Vehicle Theft	0
Theft Boat/RV	0
Arson Confirmed	1
Total	155

Part Two Offenses	
Assault Fourth	21
Forgery/Fraud	25
Stolen Property	0
Vandalism	81
Weapons Violations	1
Commercial Vice	0
Sexual Offenses	7
Gambling	0
Family/Juvenile	41
DWI	14
Liquor Violations	3
Disorderly Conduct	0
Kidnapping	2
Trespass	11
Opium, coke, etc.	0
Marijuana	2
Synthetic Narcotics	0
Other Narcotics	0
Hate Crimes	0
Viol. of Court Orders (Misd)	10
Viol. of Court Orders (Felony)	0
All other	33
Total	251

Larceny Offenses	
Auto Parts & Accessories	3
Bicycles	1
Coin Operated Machine Device	1
Gas	0
Non-specific Category	4
Pickpocket	0
Purse Snatch	1
Shoplifting	28
Taken from Auto	34
Taken from Building	17
Total	89

Dispatched Calls for Service	
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Response Times	
Priority	Avg Time in Mins.
X	3.01
1	8.17
2	14.06
3	36.37

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ADULT AND JUVENILE CHARGES, ARRESTS, AND CITATIONS

	Adult Felony	Adult Misdemeanor	Juvenile Felony	Juvenile Misdemeanor	Total Adults and Juveniles
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	0	1	0	2
Aggravated Assault	1	0	0	0	1
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny	0	9	0	10	19
Vehicle Theft	2	0	0	0	2
Assault, Fourth	0	16	0	1	17
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	0	0	0	1
Fraud	0	1	0	0	1
Embezzlement	0	1	0	0	1
Stolen Property	2	0	0	0	2
Vandalism	0	5	0	4	9
Weapons Violations	2	1	0	1	4
Prostitution - Vice	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offense (No Rape)	2	0	0	0	2
Narcotics/Drug Violation	9	2	0	0	11
Marijuana	0	2	0	2	4
Gambling, Other	0	0	0	0	0
DWI	0	14	0	0	14
Liquor Violation	0	2	0	5	7
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	0	0
Other (except Traffic)	2	14	0	1	17
Traffic	1	33	0	3	37
TOTAL	23	100	1	27	151

NOTE:

Charges include all adults and juveniles booked, cited and charged in absentia. Charges do not include persons that are booked on warrants each quarter.

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